

The Georgia Board of Nursing met Wednesday, April 16, 2003 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217-3858.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeanette Bernhardt, RN, Ph.D
Linda Roberts-Betsch, RN, DSN, President
Karen Coolidge, BSHE
Joan Darden, BSN, MSN, Ph.D
Mildred Skipwith Drayton, RN, BS
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Martha McGill, RN, BSN, MBA, MHA, Vice-President

STAFF PRESENT

Sylvia L. Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary
Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General
Katrina Martin, Nurse Practice Consultant

Dr. Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Stegall moved, Dr. Bernhardt seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate applications and to receive information on administrative cases. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Bernhardt, Ms. Coolidge, Dr. Darden, Ms. Drayton, and Ms. Stegall.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Dr. Roberts-Betsch declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 5014-1-et. seq.

Moody, Deborah, RN104502 – Dr. Bernhardt moved to deny request for Variance/Waiver for authorization to practice as a Nurse Practitioner. The Board's decision rested on the following:

- 1) RN does not meet the educational requirements – lack of Masters Degree;
- 2) No sufficient evidence of unique, substantial hardship; and
- 3) RN failed to follow the Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried with Ms. Coolidge abstaining and Ms. Drayton opposed.

In researching RN's who graduated from the Emory Training Program, like Ms. Moody, it has come to the Board's attention that there is one additional RN who never pursued advanced practice authorization. Ms. Stegall moved to request the Board staff send a letter requesting confirmation of professional status. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Darden opposed.

Hallmark, Raye - Ms. Hallmark's eligibility period ran from October 25, 1999 through October 25, 2002. Ms. Hallmark was made eligible to sit for the exam on October 3, 2002, and since the testing services issues a six-month authorization to test, she sat for the exam for the first time on March 26, 2003. Ms. Hallmark passed the exam. Ms. Stegall moved to deny Ms.

Hallmark her license since she took the exam after the eligibility period ended with the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Board also directed the staff to advise Ms. Hallmark that she can apply for a Waiver. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

FOLLOW-UP TO PRACTICE QUESTION

During the March Board Meeting, a letter was brought to the Board's attention concerning RN's performing outside of their scope of practice. During this meeting, the Board moved to send to investigations for their review. Since this could take quite a few months, the Board has decided to rescind that motion. Instead, Dr. Bernhardt moved to send a letter to Piedmont Hospital requesting that their staff investigate this complaint. Once they have completed their investigation, they are to send the Board a copy of their findings. In addition, the Board would like to know the procedure on credentialing members of their staff. Ms. Drayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR REFUND – NANCY S. RABORN

The Board reviewed a request from Nancy S. Raborn requesting a \$20.00 refund since she had not received her notice until after the early renewal period ended. Ms. Stegall moved to deny Ms. Raborn's request for refund. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CURRICULUM FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANTS IN COLLEGES AND/OR UNIVERSITIES

During a review of a college handbook, Ms. Stegall noticed that the curriculum for medical assistants included a statement that would provide training for medication administration. The Board has concerns that patients are receiving medications by unlicensed providers. Ms. Stegall moved that Katrina Martin, Nurse Practice Consultant and Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General draft a letter that will be sent to Colleges/Universities and the DTAE advising them of the laws pertaining to medication administration. This letter will be reviewed at the May Board Meeting. Ms. Coolidge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Linda Roberts-Betsch, President

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

These minutes were recorded by Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant, and approved on May 15, 2003.